

ADOLPHUS GLAEVECK.

APRIL 6, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. WALTON, from the Committee on Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Adolphus Glaeveck, have considered the same, and report :*

That in 1851 seventy-seven animals, (horses, mares, and mules,) the property of the memorialist, were seized by a collector of the customs in Texas, "upon the pretext that they had been smuggled;" that upon a trial of the case in the district court, a verdict was rendered in favor of the memorialist; but that of the seventy-seven animals only sixty-four were returned to him, and these in a starved and emaciated condition, some seventeen of them dying shortly after being restored to him. The memorialist states on oath that his counsel applied to the Treasury Department for relief, and was offered \$1,500, but that this sum was inadequate, and that he is justly entitled to \$6,000.

In reply to a note, inquiring upon what data the Treasury Department had offered \$1,500 to the claimant, the Secretary transmitted the following letter :

"TREASURY DEPARTMENT, *March 27, 1860.*

"SIR: In reply to your letter of the 24th ultimo, relative to the case of A. Glaeveck, now pending before the Committee on Claims, I have the honor to state that after a careful examination nothing can be found on the files or records of this department to show that the offer of fifteen hundred dollars was ever made, nor any proposition from the department to Mr. Glaeveck in relation to his alleged claim. The papers are herewith returned.

"I am, respectfully,

"HOWELL COBB,  
"Secretary of the Treasury.

"HON. E. P. WALTON,  
"Committee on Claims, House of Representatives."

Your committee find that on the judgment the court certified that there was probable cause for the seizure of the animals, and are of the opinion that for any damage occurring for want of ordinary care while in the custody of the officer the claimant had his legal remedy against the officer himself. He has mistaken his remedy, and in the opinion of the committee the prayer of the memorialist ought not to be granted.

